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SUBJECT: FY 1980 CONSULAR PACKAGE

REF: STATE 016438, 019521, AND 025833, SEOUL 1373

SEOUL'S FY 1980 CONSULAR PACKAGE IS:

SCHEDULE I - IMMIGRANT VISAS

GEOGRAPHIC BUREAU: EA

COUNTRY AND POST: SEOUL, KOREA

	FY-1977	FY-1978	FY-1979	FY-1980
ACTUAL	ESTIMATE	ESTIMATE	ESTIMATE	
10/1/76 TO 10/1/77 TO	10/1/77 TO 10/1/78 TO	10/1/78 TO 10/1/79 TO	10/1/79 TO	
9/30/77	9/30/78	9/30/79	9/30/80	

1. IV'S ISSUED	28,224	28,013	28,000	28,000
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2. IV'S REFUSED	5,698	4,031	4,000	4,000
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3. TOTAL IV CASES	33,922	32,044	32,000	32,000
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MAN-HOURS UTILIZED
(AMERICAN OFFICERS)

4. FULL TIME PERMANENT	9,082	10,590	11,500	11,500
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5. TEMPORARY DETAIL	0	32	0	0
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6. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED) 1,690 1,770 1,800 1,800

7. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN

MAN-HOURS 10,772 12,392 13,300 13,300

LOCAL

8. FULL TIME PERMANENT 39,793 40,519 41,500 41,500

9. TEMPORARY DETAIL 0 0 0 0

10. PIT 1,440 2,991 3,000 3,000

11. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL

MAN-HOURS 40,753 43,010 44,500 44,500

12. TOTAL IV MAN-HOURS

OF TOTAL IV CASES REQUIRING:

52,005 55,402 57,800 57,800

13. USE OF INTERPRETER 50 PERCENT

14. THIRD COUNTRY CHECK 5 PERCENT

SCHEDULE I - MONIMMIGRANT VISAS

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COUNTRY AND POST: SEOUL, KOREA

15. NIV'S ISSUED 23,139 27,500 29,500 32,000

16. NIV'S REFUSED 3,400 4,000 4,700 5,500

17. TOTAL NIV CASES 26,539 31,500 34,200 37,500

MANHOURS UTILIZED:

AMERICAN OFFICERS

18. FULL TIME PERMANENT

4,491 5,000 5,450 5,450

19. TEMPORARY DETAIL 200 0 0 0

20. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED) 223 250 250 250

21. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN

MAN-HOURS 4,914 5,250 5,700 5,700

22. LOCAL FULL TIME

PERMANENT 10,050 11,000 11,300 11,300

23. TEMPORARY DETAIL 0 0 0 0

24. PIT 960 1,770 1,770 1,770

25. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL

MAP-HOURS 11,010 12,770 13,070 13,070

26. TOTAL NIV

MAN-HOURS 15,924 18,020 18,770 18,770

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27. NIV FEES

COLLECTED \$650 \$1,700 \$1,850 \$2,000

28. BORDER CROSSING

CARDS FY-77 0

29. CREW LIST VISAS FY-77 175

30. NAMES ON CREW LIST

VISAS FY-77 5,250

PERCENT OF TOTAL NIV CASES REQUIRING:

31. INTERVIEWS 50 PERCENT

32. USE OF INTERPRETER

(OF TOTAL NIV CASES INTERVIEWED) 75 PERCENT

33. THIRD COUNTRY CHECK 3 PERCENT

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SCHEDULE III - SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES

GEOGRAPHIC BUREAU: EA

COUNTRY AND POST: SEOUL, KOREA

	FY-1977	FY-1978	FY-1979	FY-1980
	ACTUAL	ESTIMATED	ESTIMATE	ESTIMATE
	10/1/76 TO 9/30/77	10/1/77 TO 9/30/78	10/1/78 TO 9/30/79	10/1/79 TO 9/30/80

34. AMERICAN CITIZEN DEATHS	21	22	22	23
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35. ESTATE/ PROPERTY CLAIMS	6	6	8	8
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36. NOTARIALS	30,376	26,730	23,523	20,700
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37. WELFARE/ WHEREABOUTS	225	282	282	316
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38. SEAMAN AND SHIPPING	11	13	15	18
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39. ARRESTS	21	23	26	29
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40. OTHER AGENCY SERVICES	99	110	124	139
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41. TOTAL SCS CASES	30,759	27,156	24,000	21,233
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MAN-HOURS UTILIZED:
AMERICAN OFFICERS

42. FULL TIME PERMANENT	1,374	1,545	1,545	1,545
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43. TEMPORARY DETAIL	102	0	0	0
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44. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED) 308 200 200 200

45. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN

MAN-HOURS 2,091 1,545 1,545 1,545

46. LOCAL FULL

TIME PERMANENT 3,664 3,664 3,664 3,664

47. TEMPORARY DETAIL 0 0 0 0

48. PIT 0 0 0 0

49. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL

MAN-HOURS 3,664 3,664 3,664 3,664

50. TOTAL SCS

MAN-HOURS 5,755 5,209 5,209 5,209

51. TREASURY

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CHECKS FY-77 2,397 0 0 0

SCHEDULE IV - CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORT SERVICES:

GEOGRAPHIC BUREAU: EA

COUNTRY AND POST: SEOUL, KOREA

52. PPT APPLICATIONS

EXECUTED 3,315 3,513 3,724 3,948

53. PPT APPLICATIONS

EXAMINED 156 165 175 185

54. FEE PASSPORT

ISSUED 3,078 3,262 3,458 3,665

55. NOFEE PASSPORTS

ISSUED 55 48 42 37

56. PPT'S AMENDED OR

EXTENDED 229 242 257 272

57. NEW REGISTRATION

APPLICATIONS 97 102 108 115

58. REPORTS OF BIRTH 1,181 1,086 999 919

59. WITNESS TO MARRIAGE 0 0 0 0

60. WAIVER OF PASSPORTS 3 3 4 4

61. SUB-TOTAL PASSPORT

CASES 8,157 8,972 9,869 10,856

62. IDENTITY CARDS

ISSUED 0 0 0 0

63. TOTAL PASSPORTS

CASES 8,157 8,973 9,870 10,856
 MAN-HOURS UTILIZED:
 AMERICAN OFFICERS
 64. FULL TIME PERMANENT
 1,374 1,545 1,545 1,545
 65. TEMPORARY DETAIL 102 0 0 0
 66. PIT(LOCALLY HIRED) 307 200 200 200
 67. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN
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MAN-HOURS 1,476 1,545 1,545 1,545
 68. LOCAL FULL-TIME
 PERMANENT 3,644 3,664 3,664 3,664
 69. TEMPORARY DETAIL 0 0 0 0
 70. TEMPORARY DETAIL 0 0 0 0
 71. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL
 MAN-HOURS 3,664 3,664 3,664 3,664
 72. TOTAL PPT
 MAN-HOURS 5,140 5,209 5,209 5,209
 73. AMERICAN REGISTERED
 1/31/78 4,027 0 0 0
 AMERICAN CITIZEN RESIDENT:
 74. OFFICIAL 754 776 799 823
 75. NON-OFFICIAL 3,273 3,469 3,677 3,898

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SCHEDULE V - CONDITIONS AND JUSTIFICATIONS:
 GEOGRAPHIC BUREAU: EA
 COUNTRY AND POST: SEOUL, KOREA

FY-1977

HOURS GAINED:	AMERICAN	LOCAL			
OVERTIME:	651	907			
DETAILS IN	204				
HOURS LOST:	AMERICAN	LOCAL			
DETAILS OUT	0	0			
STAFFING GAPS	200	120			
PROLONGED LEAVE	824	0			
AMERICANS:	VISAS	SCS	PPT	GENERAL	TOTAL
76. AUTHORIZED					
9/30/77	8 2/1	3/4	3/4	1	11
77. AUTHORIZED					
1/31/78	8 2/1	3/4	3/4	1	11
78. FILLED					
1/31/78	8 2/1	3/4	3/4	1	11
INCREASE:					
79. REQUIRED FY					
1979	# 1	0	0	0	#1
80. REQUIRED FY					
1980	0	0	0	0	0

#INCLUDED IN FY 1978 SUPPLEMENT AND DEPARTMENT'S FY 1979

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LOCALS:

81. AUTHORIZED						
9/30/ 77	27	1 2/1	1 2/1	#3	33	
82. AUTHORIZED						
1/31/78	27	1 2/1	1 2/1	#3	33	
83. FILLED						
1/31/78	27	1 2/1	1 2/1	#3	33	

#INCLUDES CONSUL GENERAL'S SECRETARY, CONSULAR SECTION
RECEPTIONIST, AND CONSULAR SECTION CASHIER.

INCREASE:

84. REQUIRED FY						
1979	#3	0	0	0	#0	
85. REQUIRED FY						
1980	0	0	0	0	0	

#AUTHORIZATION FOR THESE THREE POSITIONS WOULD PERMIT US
TO RELEASE THE THREE LOCAL PIT POSITIONS NOW BEING USED.

THE SECTION HAS 11 OFFICERS. A TWELFTH OFFICER IS INCLUDED IN THE LATEST BUDGET REQUEST (HE IS LISTED IN THE ADDENDUM TO STATE 016438). THIS ADDITIONAL OFFICER IS BADLY NEEDED. WE SUFFER FROM CHRONIC GAPS IN OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, A FIRST TOUR OFFICER DUE TO DEPART IN SPRING 1978 WAS GIVEN ANOTHER POSITING AND HAD TO LEAVE IN DECEMBER 1977. WITH A REPLACEMENT NOT DUE UNTIL THE END OF MARCH, BOTH THE COMMERCIAL

SECTION AND THE CONSULAR SECTION HAVE HAD TO SUFFER A MONTH AND A HALF'S LACK OF AN OFFICER. IN ORDER TO HAVE A SATISFACTORY EMBASSY ROTATIONAL PROGRAM, THE CONSULAR SECTION HAS HAD TO LET OFFICERS GO EARLY TO SERVE ELSEWHERE IN THE EMBASSY BEFORE REPLACEMENTS HAVE ARRIVED.

DURING LAST YEAR AND INTO FIRST QUARTER OF FY 1978 CONSULAR SECTION HAS USED SCHEDULED PAID OVERTIME FOR JUNIOR OFFICERS
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TO MAKE UP FOR SHORTFALL IN OFFICER STAFFING. DURING FIRST QUARTER (I.E., OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER 1977) 36.5 HOURS PER WEEK OF PAID, SCHEDULED OVERTIME WERE WORKED BY OFFICERS IN THE SECTION. THIS PROJECTS TO ALMOST EXACTLY ONE EXTRA OFFICER'S TIME IN A YEAR. THIS TIME IS MAINLY DEVOTED TO NIV WORK, CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND FRAUD. AS OF OCTOBER 1978 OVERTIME WILL NO LONGER BE PAID JUNIOR OFFICERS BECAUSE OF PELL AMENDMENT. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT SECTION CAN DEPEND ON VOLUNTARY WORK FOR DEALING WITH ROUTINE MATTERS WITHOUT COMPENSATION AFTER FY 1978. WE GET WHAT WE ARE WILLING TO PAY FOR. WITHOUT ANOTHER OFFICER WE MAY HAVE TO CUT INTO SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC TO ALLOW TIME DURING WORKING DAY FOR ROUTINE BUT ESSENTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.

EMBASSY IS REQUESTING THAT THE THREE LOCAL NATIONAL PIT POSITIONS WHICH WE HAVE BEEN UTILIZING FOR ABOUT ONE YEAR BE CONVERTED IF FY 1979 TO PERMANENT POSITIONS. THE THREE PIT POSITIONS ARE BEING USED FULLY IN VISA FILES OPERATIONS AND IN IMMIGRANT VISA ISSUANCE. THEIR PRESENCE HAS PERMITTED THE USE OF MORE EXPERIENCED EMPLOYEES TO STAFF A CORRESPONDENCE UNIT (INSTITUTED LAST SPRING, WITH THE RESULT THAT WE STAY MUCH MORE CURRENT ON CORRESPONDENCE THAN WE DID BEFORE AND THE QUALITY OF THE WORK HAS BEEN GREATLY ENHANCED) AND TO INCREASE OUR EFFORTS IN COMBATING VISA FRAUD. WITH THE RECENT LOSS OF FOUR TOP-LEVEL LOCAL EMPLOYEES (RESULTING FROM ONGOING MALFEASANCE INVESTIGATIONS), WHICH HAS SERIOUSLY REDUCED THE LEVELS OF EXPERTISE AND PRODUCTIVITY IN OUR IMMIGRANT VISA OPERATION AND PRODUCED GREAO TURBULENCE ELSEWHERE IN THE CONSULAR SECTION DUE TO THE NEED FOR MAKING A WHOLE SERIES OF REASSIGNMENTS, IT IS EVEN MORE IMPERATIVE THAT WE RETAIN THIS ADDITIONAL MANPOWER, PREFERABLY AS PERMANENT POSITIONS, BUT ALTERNATIVELY AS PIT'S.

THERE IS ALSO GREAT NEED FOR CONTINUING THE AMERICAN PIT POSITION WE HAVE HAD FOR ABOUT A YEAR. THE CORRESPONDENCE OFFICER, WITH HIS NEW RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING THE MINICOMPUTER
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OPERATION AND FOR DIRECT SUPERVISION OF VISA FILES DURING THE
START-UP OF COMPUTER OPERATIONS AND AVOLS, NEEDS AN ASSISTANT

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A CUT ABOVE A LOCAL EMPLOYEE AND A CUT BELOW AN OFFICER TO HELP HIM TO RIDE HERD ON THE CORRESPONDENCE, TO MAKE SURE THE WORK IS KEPT CURRENT, AND TO DRAFT LETTERS, OM'S AND CABLES WHICH DO NOT REQUIRE AN OFFICER'S EXPERTISE. WHEN SYSTEMS ARE IN PLACE AND OPERATING MORE OR LESS AS INTENDED, THE CORRESPONDENCE OFFICER MAY BE ABLE TO DISPENSE WITH AN AMERICAN PIT ASSISTANT. HOWEVER, WE ENVISAGE A NEED AT THAT POINT OR PROBABLY EVEN EARLIER FOR TWO OR MORE AMERICAN LOCAL-HIRE PERSONNEL TO WORK AS MINICOMPUTER TERMINAL OPERATORS IN PLACE OF LOCAL STAFF. IN THIS HIGH FRAUD AREA, AND CONSIDERING OUR RECENT EXPERIENCE WITH MALFEASANCE, WE WOULD PREFER THAT OUR TERMINAL OPERATORS BE AMERICANS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT LOCALLY HIRED AMERICANS OPERATE THE COMPUTER TERMINALS IN THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MANILA. SINCE IT IS NOT YET CLEAR PRECISELY WHAT THE MINICOMPUTER WILL DO AND WHAT ITS IMPACT ON OUR OPERATIONS EVENTUALLY WILL BE, WE ARE NOT MAKING AT THIS TIME AN ACTUAL REQUEST FOR AMERICAN LOCAL-HIRE PERSONNEL AS TERMINAL OPERATORS. OF COURSE, THE EXPECTATION IS THAT THE INSTALLATION OF THE COMPUTER IN VISA OPERATIONS WILL BE A GREAT TIMESAVER OVER PRESENT METHODS AND, BARRING UNFORESEEN LARGE INCREASES IN WORKLOAD, SHOULD ULTIMATELY ALLOW A MODEST REDUCTION IN OUR STAFF.

THE REQUESTED INCREASES IN AUTHORIZED POSITIONS FOR FY 1979, VIZ., ONE AMERICAN OFFICER AND THREE LOCAL EMPLOYEES, WOULD ACTUALLY REPRESENT A GAIN OF ONLY ONE PERSON, THE AMERICAN
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OFFICER, OVER THE MANPOWER WE ARE CURRENTLY USING, INASMUCH AS WE HAVE BEEN UTILIZING THREE LOCAL PIT'S FOR ABOUT A YEAR NOW. OUR WORKLOAD PROJECTIONS ANTICIPATE APPROXIMATELY LEVEL ISSUANCE OF IMMIGRANT VISAS OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS, WHILE NONIMMIGRANT VISA ISSUANCES WILL CONTINUE TO RISE; NOTARIAL ACTIONS ARE EXPECTED TO DECLINE IF THE PLANNED WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. TROOPS FROM KOREA REALLY DOES TAKE PLACE (HOWEVER, THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS IS NOT ESPECIALLY GREAT IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR TOTAL CONSULAR WORKLOAD, AS EACH NOTARIAL ACTION IS NORMALLY BUT A FEW MINUTES' WORK), BUT ALL OTHER SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES ACTIVITY AND CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORT SERVICES ARE PREDICTED TO CONTINUE A SLOW RISE. THUS, ALTHOUGH WORKLOAD FIGURES IN ONE AREA WILL BE LARGELY STATIC AND IN ONE OTHER AREA WILL PROBABLY DECLINE, THE OVERALL TREND IN THE WORK OF THE CONSULAR SECTION IS STILL UPWARD. CURRENT DEMANDS FOR CONSULAR SERVICES PREVENT US FROM HAVING AN OFFICER WORK MORE THAN ONLY HALF-TIME ON VISA FRAUD AND SUPERVISION OF THE INVESTIGATIONS UNIT. THIS IS NOT SUFFICIENT IN THIS COUNTRY, WHERE THE INCIDENCE OF FRAUD IS HIGH, AND WHERE NEARLY EVERY APPLICANT MAY BE TRYING TO MAKE SOME MISREPRESENTATION. THE TWELFTH OFFICER, WHO IS ALREADY INCLUDED IN THE FY1978 SUPPLEMENTAL, IS NEEDED SO THAT WE CAN HAVE A FULL TIME FRAUD OFFICER, PROVIDING GREATER DEPTH AND PERSPECTIVE TO THE ANTI-FRAUD EFFORT. HIS PRESENCE IN TURN WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE REMAINING OFFICERS TO DO A BETTER AND FULLER JOB OF INTERVIEWING, ADJUDICATING, DRAFTING, LOOKING AFTER PRISONERS, ILL PERSONS, AND DESTITUTES, ETC., AND HAVING TWELVE RATHER THAN ELEVEN OFFICERS AUTHORIZED WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARD SOLVING THE FREQUENTLY RECURRING PROBLEM OF OFFICER STAFFING GAPS.

SCHEDULE VI - FEDERAL BENEFITS, FRAUD, ETC.

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COUNTRY AND POST: SEOUL, KOREA

A. FEDERAL BENEFITS ACTIVITY

1. NUMBER OF SSA REIMBURSED:

AMERICAN: NONE

LOCAL: NONE

2. HOURS WORKED BY OCCUPANTS OF THESE POSITIONS ON WORK OTHER THAN FEDERAL BENEFITS: NOT APPLICABLE.

3. HOURS WORKED BY REGULAR (NONREIMBURSED) CONSULAR EMPLOYEES ON FEDERAL BENEFITS:

AMERICAN: 240

LOCAL: 360

B. DOCUMENT FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS

1. PERCENTAGE OF INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED BY:

A. FRAUD UNIT: 100PCT

B. SECURITY: NIL

C. LINE OFFICER: NIL

Z2. TYPE OF INVESTIGATION (ESTIMATED NUMBER):

A. VISA #438

B. FEDERAL BENEFITS: NONE

C. PASSPORT: 5

#INCLUDES 237 INVESTIGATIONS FOR INS.

C. U.S. CITIZENS IN JAIL 1/31/78: 3

D. SERVICES FOR INS:

1. NUMBER OF RE-ENTRY PERMIT EXTENSIONS: 40

2. NUMBER OF I-151 CARDS SURRENDERED: 20

3. I-151 CARD INTERVIEWS - LOST OR STOLEN: 50

4. MAN-HOURS WORKED BY CONSULAR EMPLOYEES TO PROVIDE ABOVE

INS SERVICES:

AMERICAN: 10

LOCAL: 79

E. LOSS OF NATIONALITY CASES: 3

F. AMERICAN CITIZEN DEATHS:

1. BURIED LOCALLY: 11

2. REMAINS SHIPPED TO U.S.: 10

G. WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS:

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1. SEARCHES FOR MISSING PERSONS: 24

2. EMERGENCY MESSAGES: 13

3. CHILD CUSTODY CASES: 3

4. ILLINELS OR HOSPITAL CASES NOT INVOLVING MEDEVAC: 3

5. MEDEVAC INVOLVING REPATRIATION LOANS: 1

6. MEDEVAC NOT AT USG EXPENSE: 2

7. REPATRIATION APPLICATIONS: 9

8. REPATRIATION NOT INVOLVING USG EXPENSE: 3

9. EMERGENCY MONEY TRANSFERS (INCLUDING TRUST AND COMMERCIAL BANK): 1

10. UNSPECIFIED MISCELLANEOUS W/W ACTIONS: 166

H. CONSULAR AGENTS - NOT APPLICABLE

I. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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1. FRAUD

FRAUD CONTINUES TO BE OF MAJOR CONCERN. WE NOW HAVE THREE FSL INVESTIGATORS. ONE CONCENTRATES ON NIV CASES. OUR FRAUD UNIT HAS BEEN HEAVILY OCCUPIED WITH INVESTIGATING THE WORKING CREDENTIALS OF SIXTH AND NONPREFERENCE VISA APPLICANTS, APPROXIMATELY 5 PCT OF WHICH ARE FOUND TO BE FRAUDULENT. DURING MOST OF FY 1977 NEITHER OF THESE CATEGORIES WAS OPEN, BUT WITH THE 1976 AMENDMENTS TO THE INA, WE WILL NOW BE EXAMINING AND ISSUING SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF SIXTH AND NONPREFERENCE VISAS EACH YEAR. FRAUD OFFICER CURRENTLY SERVES ALSO AS SECOND OFFICER IN AMERICAN SERVICES UNIT, HENCE CAN DEVOTE ONLY APPROXIMATELY ONE QUARTER TO ONE HALF OF REGULAR TIME TO FRAUD. DURING FY 1978 WE HAVE FOUND SIGNIFICANT FRAUD AMONG NONIMMIGRANT SEAMEN AND IN SMALL BUSINESSMEN'S APPLICATIONS. SOME USE OF FRAUDULENT KOREAN POLICE CERTIFICATES BY IV APPLICANTS HAS ALSO COME TO LIGHT.

2. SPECIAL IMMIGRANTS ((SE-1))

DURING THE PERIOD FEB 1977 A FEB 1978 WE HAVE PROCESSED 651 REQUESTS FOR SE-1 STATUS FROM KOREAN EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WITH OVER 15 YEARS' SERVICE. 116 OF THESE WERE APPROVED BY THE SPECIAL PANEL ESTABLISHED BY THE AMBASSADOR AND CHAIRED BY THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF CONSULAR SECTION. THIS WAS A VERY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM, FAIR AND FIRM. IT APPEARS THAT MAIN

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WORK IS OVER NOW, AS NEW REQUESTS HAVE BEEN AVERAGING ONLY ABOUT TWELVE PER MONTH FOR ABOUT THE PAST SIX MONTHS. PANEL WILL CONTINUE ITS OPERATION, BUT NO LONGER WILL NEED TO MEET TWICE MONTHLY TO DEAL WITH 50 CASES PER SESSION.

3. COMPUTER TEST

SEOUL HAS BEEN SELECTED AS THE SITE FOR A TEST OF USE OF MINI-

COMPUTER FOR VARIOUS EMBASSY FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING VISAS. AS OF FEBRUARY 1978 COMPUTER IS INSTALLED, AN INTERIM VISA PROGRAM HAS BEEN WRITTEN AND OUR FILES ARE BEING FED INTO THE MACHINE. CONSULTATIONS WITH PROGRAMMERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES HAVE ABSORBED A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF THE CONSUL GENERAL AND DEPUTY'S TIME. DURING NEXT YEAR WHILE PROGRAM IS STILL IN ITS TEST STAGES IT WILL REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE TRAINING ON PART OF LOCAL PERSONNEL TO GET THEM ACCUSTOMED TO THIS INNOVATION, AND PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE TO DEMAND A GREAT DEAL OF TIME OF CONSUL GENERAL, DEPUTY AND OTHER PERSONNEL. CONSULAR SECTION IS VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT WHAT COMPUTER WILL MEAN FOR THE FUTURE, IN INDEXING FILES AND REPLACING IN PART THE FS-499 SYSTEM, BUT THIS TEST WILL BE A DRAIN ON THE SECTION'S RESOURCES FOR AT LEAST THE NEXT YEAR. PRESENT PROGRAM IS SEEN AS ONLY AN INTERIM ONE UNTIL THE EMBASSY HAS LARGER COMPUTER STORAGE CAPACITY TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM THAT WILL IN EFFECT REPLACE ALL FS-499 CARDS (VISA FILE CARDS, AND QUOTA CONTROL CARDS) AND BE ABLE TO KEEP NONIMMIGRANT FILES TO SOME EXTENT.

4. MALFEASANCE

AFTER PROLONGED INVESTIGATION THE CONSULAR SECTION HZS RECENTLY LOST FOUR SENIOR LOCAL EMPLOYEES DUE TO DISCOVERIES OF MALFEASANCE IN THE IMMIGRANT VISA UNIT. THESE PERSONNEL UNCLASSIFIED

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ACTIONS ARE HAVING A SERIOUS EFFECT ON STAFF MORALE AND EFFICIENCY. REPLACING THE EXPERTISE LOST WILL TAKE MONTHS, IT NOT YEARS. THE ACTIONS TAKEN WERE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY AND HELP CLEAR THE AIR, BUT PERSONNEL MATTERS HAVE HAD PRIORITY IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS BECAUSE OF NECESSITY TO PUT THE SECTION BACK TOGETHER AFTER EACH DISMISSAL OR RESIGNATION. THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS MAY NOT BE OVER. TRAINING NEW EMPLOYEES WILL BE A PRIME PREOCCUPATION FOR OUR MORE EXPERIENCED OFFICERS DURING THE NEXT YEAR.

5. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

DURING SUMMER 1977 KOREA GAVE TEMPORARY REFUGEE TO 91 VIETNAMESE WHO WERE PICKED UP AT SEA BY SHIPS BOUND FOR KOREA. IT HAS TAKEN APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS TO PROCESS THE 86 OF THESE WHO ARE NOW FINALLY IN THE U.S. DEALING WITH THE DOCUMENTATION OF THESE REFUGEES, VISITING THEM IN THEIR CAMP IN PUSAN, NEGOTIATING WITH KOREA, UN AND OTHER OFFICIALS, PLUS REPORTING ON THE STATUS OF THE CASES HAS CONSUMED APPROXIMATELY 20 PERCENT OF ONE OFFICER'S TIME PLUS 20 PERCENT OF AN AMERICAN PIT'S TIME. FORTY-FIVE NEW VIETNAMESE BOAT CASE REFUGEES ARRIVED AT INCHON, KOREA ON FEBRUARY 13, AND MORE COULD APPEAR AT ANY TIME. UNLESS A VOLAG REPRESENTATIVE CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE

IN KOREA TO HANDLE BOAT CASE REFUGEES AND SPEND WHATEVER TIME IS NECESSARY, THE CONSULAR SECTION WILL CONTINUE TO BE FACED WITH THE PROSPECT OF HAVING TO DEVOTE AN INDETERMINATE NUMBER OF MAN-HOURS AT UNKNOWN INTERVALS TO THIS PROBLEM SO LONG AS INDOCHINESE REFUGEES CONTINUE TO BE PICKED UP AT SEA AND BROUGHT TO KOREA.

6. DURING THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF FY 1978 THE CONSULAR SECTION COLLECTED \$302,467 IN VARIOUS FEES. THIS FIGURE PROJECTS TO AN ANNUAL TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY \$907,400. ACCORDING TO A ZERO BASED BUDGETING EXERCISE DONE HERE, IT WAS CALCULATED THAT IT WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$809,000 TO RUN THE CONSULAR SECTION DURING FY 1979. CALCULATED INTO THESE UNCLASSIFIED

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COSTS WERE HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION FOR OFFICERS AS WELL AS ALL SALARIES, OFFICE SPACE, UTILITIES AND SUPPLIES. STERN

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